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SUMMARY: AT OUR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON MARCH 29, NATO
PERMREPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:
1. NATO SUMMIT/MINISTERIAL
2. NATO AEW
3. ZAIRE
4. WINTEX
5. NATO "PILOT/ DISCUSSIONS
6. SPC VISIT TO TURKEY. END SUMMARY.
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1. NATO SUMMIT/MINISTERIAL. SYG LUNS REPORTED THAT UK
MINISTER OF STATE FRANK JUDD HAD TOLD HIM IN LONDON
THAT THE BRISITH WERE HOPING PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD
ATTEND BOTH THE MAY 10 AND 11 NAC SESSIONS IN LONDON.
EVEN IF THE PRESIDENT DID NOT, THE BRITISH THOUGHT ONE COMMUNIQUE
DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS TO COVER THE DIFFERENT LEVEL SESSIONS
WOULD SUFFICE -- AN IDEA A NUMBER OF PERMREPS SEEMD TO FAVOR.
THE BRISITH INDICATED TO LUNS THAT THEY FORESAW THE
FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR THE COUNCIL MEETINGS: FOLLOWING
THE PATTERN SET AT THE 1976 OSLO MINISTERIAL, PRIME MINISTER

CALLAGHAN WOULD OPEN THE NATO SUMMIT IN A PUBLIC SESSION HELD IN THE WHITEHALL BANQUETING HALL. THE COUNCIL WOULD THEN GO INTO A CLOSED SESSION AT LANCASTER HOUSE WHERE THE HONARARY PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL (THE PRIME MINISTER OF PORTUGAL) WOULD OPEN THE MEETING AND THEN TURN THE CHAIR OVER TO SYG LUNS.

PERMREPS INDICATED ATTENDANCE AT THE SUMMIT WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: THE DUTCH, BELGIAN, CANADIAN, DANISH, NORWEGIAN AND UK PRIME MINISTERS WOULD ATTEND FOR SURE. ATTENDANCE BY THE PRIME MINISTERS OF ITALY, LUXEMBOURG AND PORTUGAL WAS HIGHLY LIKELY; THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FIRST DAY; AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY WOULD BE ABLE ONLY TO ATTEND THE SECOND DAY. THE PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF A PARTY CONFERENCE IN REYKJAVIK.

2. NATO AEW. LUNS REPORTED THAT HE TOLD UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN IN LONDON THAT HE FAVORED ONE NATO-WIDE AEW SYSTEM. THE AMBASSADOR REMINDED THE PERMREPS THAT SECRETARY BROWN HAD MADE IT CLEAR AT THE MARCH 25 DPC THAT THE US WANTED ONE NATO-WIDE SYSTEM, TOO, AND THAT UK ADOPTION OF NIMROD WOULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF OVERLAND PENETRATION BY LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT. LUNS SAID HE HOPED THE ALLIES COULD AGREE ON AN INTEGRATED AEW SYSTEM BY JULY 1. KILLICK (UK) SAID THAT "THE COMMUNIQUE DID NOTHING TO HELP US", AND ASKED PAULS (FRG) IF LEBER COULD
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AGREE TO A COST-SHARING FORMULA BY JULY 1. PAULS AID THAT AGREEMENT BY JULY 1 WAS IMPOSSIBLE AND THAT A "HYBRID SOLUTION" (I.E., AWACS AND NIMROD) WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BUNDESTAG, WHICH WOULD NOT AGREE TO FINANCE A MIXED SYSTEM.

SCHUURMANS (BELGIUM) SAID THAT THE ALLIANCE HAD NEVER AGREED ON THE MARGINAL NIMROD SYSTEM AS A NATO SYSTEM; THEREFORE, THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT HELP FINANCE NIMROD. TINE (FRANCE) SAID THAT THE FRENCH POSITION ON AEW HAS NOT CHANGED: FRANCE CAN ONLY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN TERMS OF A "SUBSCRIPTION".

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3. SITUATION IN ZAIRE. THE AMBASSADOR BRIEFED PERMREPS ON THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE, DRAWING ON STATE 67228 AND STATE 69060. SCHUURMANS SAID HE AGREED WITH US VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND THOUGHT THE FAX HAD LITTLE HEART FOR BATTLE. HE SAID HIS INFORMATION INDICATED THE KATANGAN GENDARMES HAD RETURNED AND LIMITED THEIR ACTIVITIES TO THEIR NATIVE TRIBAL AREAS, SINCE THE BULK OF THE GENDARMES STILL REMAINED IN ANGOLA. SCHUURMANS OPINED THAT A STRONG DEFENSE OF KOLWEZI WAS UNLIKELY BECAUSE MOBUTU WOULD NOT WANT TO DEPLOY HIS MOST EFFECTIVE (AIRBORNE) TROOPS ANY DISTANCE FROM KINSHASA, SINCE THE AIRBORNE TROOPS WERE IN EFFECT HIS PRAETORIAN GUARD. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT
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DOES NOT SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF A SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT FROM WITHIN KATANGA OR OF ANY CUBAN OR ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT, AND BELIEVES THE SITUATION IS STILL RETRIEVABLE. SCHUURMANS SAID THE ALLIES HAVE MUCH TO GAIN BY INSISTING ON AN AFRICAN SOLUTION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS THE ONLY VIABLE PATH BECAUSE IT WOULD FORECLOSE SOVIET INTERVENTION. LUNS ADDED THAT UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN HAD STRESSED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD AVOID ALL IMPLICATIONS OF NATO INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE.

TINE (FRANCE) THANKED SCHUURMANS AND THE AMBASSADOR FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON ZAIRE AND SAID HE WAS CONCERNED BY LUNS' SUGGESTION THAT DISCUSSION ON ZAIRE SHOULD BE MOVED TO THE COUNCIL, WHEN DISCUSSION COULD BE FULLER AND FRANKER AT PERMREPS LUNCHEES. SCHUURMANS, KILLICK, AND HARDY (CANADA) SUPPORTED TINE, AS DID DUTCH PERMREP HARTOGH, WHO IS USUALLY A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF COUNCIL CONSULTATION.

4. WINTEX 77. KILLICK SAID THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PERMREPS THAT THE WINTEX SCENARIO HAD MANY UNDESIRABLE FEATURES AND THAT FUTURE SCENARIOS SHOULD BE WRITTEN WITH THE GUIDANCE OF THE COUNCIL. PAULS REMARKED THAT IT WAS UNREAL TO ASSUME THAT CONVENTIONAL RESISTANCE IN THE CENTRAL REGION WOULD END ON THE THIRD DAY, AND THAT THE SCENARIO MAY HAVE GIVEN WINTEX PARTICIPANTS A FALSE IMPRESSION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO'S DEFENSE. SVART (DENMARK)

COMPLAINED THAT THE SCENARIO ALLOWED THE COUNCIL NO POSSIBILITY OF INFLUENCING DECISIONS DURING WINTEX, AND THE COUNCIL WAS ONLY ABLE TO REACT TO THE MILITARY DECISIONS. LUNS WILL RAISE THE PERMREPS' COMMENTS ON WINTEX AT HIS NEXT MEETING WITH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SUGGESTED THE PERMREPS CONTINUE THEIR POST MORTEM ON WINTEXT AT A FUTURE MEETING IN LUNS' OFFICE.

5. NAC "PILOT" DISCUSSIONS. PERMREPS THOUGHT THE NAC AGENDA WAS FULL ENOUGH AT PRESENT, AND DECIDED TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF NAC "PILOT" DISCUSSIONS.

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6. SPC VISIT TO TURKEY. KIRCA (TURKEY) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT TURKEY FOR SIX DAYS IN OCTOBER 1977. STRAUZ-HUPE

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